

SENATE BILL 334

By Burks

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 295 in Pickett County in honor of the late James "Jim" Harrison South.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late James "Jim" Harrison South, one of Byrdstown's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pickett County, Mr. South exhibited a sincere love for his community, not only through his distinguished career as a funeral director, but also through his participation in numerous civic activities; and

WHEREAS, a well known and respected figure in Byrdstown's business community for eighteen years, Mr. South was the co-founder of the Crestlawn Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, he provided care, comfort, and compassion to grieving families as their funeral director for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. South previously served his fellow citizens with distinction as the first director of the Overton County Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who realized that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. South was a member of several professional organizations, a charter member of the Byrdstown Jaycees, a member of Byrdstown Masonic Lodge #496, a member of Red Hill Church of Christ, and had been a serviceman representative for the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mr. South served his country honorably in the United States Navy aboard the *U.S.S. Intrepid*, and set an example as a person, Christian, and family man that all would do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Jim South will always be remembered as a man of integrity who continually strived for the betterment of his community, county, and country; and

WHEREAS, his family has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain bridge on State Route 295 in Pickett County to honor Mr. South's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Wolf River at log mile 0.57 on State Route 295 in Pickett County is hereby designated the "James "Jim" Harrison South Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the James "Jim" Harrison South Memorial Bridge."

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any

expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.